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New board to brush up on image

One outcome of the sweeping changes that have taken place to the board of directors is that Blackpool FC can now boast what is thought to be the youngest board in the whole of the Football League.

But despite their 'youthfulness' and inexperience on the part of some directors they are determined to restore the credibility to Bloomfield Road and put them back on the road to success.

Months of internal wrangling among directors came to an end at the annual meeting of shareholders when 37-year-old local solicitor Mr Peter Lawson was elected chairman - and

is the only former director to remain.

He has been joined on the board by another solicitor 42-year-old Mr Ken Chadwick, plumbers merchant 36-year-old Mr Bob Morans and 32-year-old estate agent Mr Frank Wyles who are all life long Blackpool supporters.

"Although we believe we are now the youngest Football League club based in the country and three of the directors are new and have little experience we are determined to put Blackpool back on the footballing map," said Mr Lawson.

The Lawson family have had a long associ-

ation with Bloomfield. Road with Peter's grandfather Ernest a former director and his father Jim a shareholder and the decline in the club's fortune has been a big blow.

But now Mr Lawson and the new directors are determined to halt the decline and one of their first moves was to have a meeting with the players to introduce themselves and outline their plans.

"There have been a lot of upheavals here in the past which haven't done the club's image any good and we have now got to win back some respectability as we try and win promotion," he said.

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BLACKPOOL: Farm, Shimwell, Garratt, Johnson, Hayward, Kelly, Hobson, McCall, Mortensen, Davidson, Wardle. Attendance - 20,000.

We went down 2-1 at Birmingham on November 21, 1959 with RAY CHARNLEY replying to goals by HARRY HOOPER and 'BUNNY' LARKIN for the home side.

Teams:
BIRMINGHAM: Schofield, Farmer, Allen, Watts, Smith, Neal, Hellawell, Gordon, Stubbs, Larkin, Hooper.
BLACKPOOL: Farm, Armfield, Martin, Hauser, Gratix, Kelly (J), Matt-

We were just over half-way up the Second Division table by the time we met Oxford on November 22, 1969 and we improved our situation a little with JOHNNY JOHNSTON getting the only goal of the game against Oxford.

Teams:
BLACKPOOL: Thomson, Armfield, Mowbray, McPhee, James Hutton, Johnson, Craven, Pickering,

30 YEARS AGO

Unfortunately with fog descending the game was abandoned with ten minutes to go and so we did not improve our position of sixth in Division One.

Two of the teams above us lost, however, Wolves at Sunderland and Arsenal rather surprisingly to Charlton at Highbury. There was no stopping Liverpool, however, for with 17 games played they were still unbeaten after beating Aston Villa 2-1.

Spurs were setting an equally hot pace in Division Two and they were unbeaten.

20 YEARS AGO

hews, Muir, Charnley, Kaye, Ferrer. This gave a boost to the home side who were struggling near the bottom of the table while we were in mid-table. Meanwhile both the pace-setters - even at home - West Ham 3-2 against Wolves and our neighbours Preston 1-0 against Bolton. Burnley were still very much in the running however and underlined this fact with a remarkable 8-0 win against Forest.

10 YEARS AGO

Soddick, Hutchison. OXFORD: Barron, Lucas (Thomson), Gladwin, Smithson, Clarke, Shaker, Evanson, Atkinson (R), Skeels, Atkinson (G), Harrington. Attendance 10,968. At the top of our Division Huddersfield's 2-1 defeat at Swindon enabled Blackburn to move ahead on goal average after their 3-3 draw with Bristol City.

on in away games, keeping their lead at the top of the table after a 3-2 win at Grimsby while Hull won 3-0 at Luton. There were two household names on the sheetsheets, ALF RAMSEY for Spurs and RAICH CARTER for Hull.

There was not too much joy for the teams at the top of the two sections of Division Three with County dropping a point at Teasdale in the Southern section and Doncaster's game at Tranmere in the Northern Section being abandoned owing to fog soon after half-time.

JIMMY ROBSON netting five times.

Aston Villa were also amongst the goals at the top of Division Two, winning 5-0 at Charlton with a goal from GERRY HITCHENS while second place Cardiff were held to a 4-4 draw at home by Stoke City. The leaders in Divisions Three and Four also won, Southampton 3-0 against Wrexham and Walsall 8-0 against Southport.

In Division One Leeds with a JOHNNY GILES penalty drew a titanic struggle with Liverpool, for whom RON YEATS was on the mark, but both clubs were well behind Everton at the top of the table, the latter staying 5 points clear with JOE ROYLE getting the matchwinner in a 2-1 win over Burnley.

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Arsenal	34	20	8	6	66-30	48
Bristol City	34	17	8	9	59-38	42
Manchester United	34	15	8	11	53-38	38
Chesterfield	34	14	9	11	67-40	37
Preston North End	34	13	10	11	56-40	36
Barnsley	34	13	8	13	55-51	34
Port Vale	34	13	8	13	57-64	34
Lincoln City	34	12	6	16	46-53	30
Glossop North End	34	11	7	16	43-58	29
Gainsborough Tr'ty	34	11	7	16	41-59	29
Burton United	34	11	7	16	39-59	29
Blackpool	34	9	10	15	44-59	28
Leicester	34	10	8	16	41-55	28
Doncaster Rovers	34	9	7	18	35-72	25
Stockport County	34	7	6	21	39-74	20
Burnley	34	6	3	20	30-77	20

RESULTS

Sept 6 Burnley Port Vale	A1-1
Sept 13 Barnsley	H3-3
Sept 20 Gainsborough Trinity	A0-0
Sept 27 Burton United	H3-3
Oct 11 Glossop North End	H2-2
Oct 25 Stockport County	H2-0
Nov 8 Woolwich Arsenal	A1-2
Nov 22 Lincoln City	H0-1
Nov 29 Small Heath	A2-0
Dec 6 Leicester Fosse	A1-2
Dec 13 Manchester City	H0-3
Dec 20 Burnley	A1-1
Dec 25 Doncaster Rovers	H4-0
Dec 27 Preston North End	H2-2

Jan 1 Bristol City	H0-1
Jan 3 Burnley Port Vale	H2-5
Jan 10 Barnsley	A0-4
Jan 17 Gainsborough Trinity	H4-0
Jan 24 Burton United	A0-2
Jan 31 Bristol City	A1-0
Feb 1 Burnley	H2-0
Feb 14 Manchester United	H2-0
Feb 17 Glossop North End	A0-1
Feb 21 Stockport County	A0-4
Feb 28 Chesterfield Town	A1-1
March 7 Woolwich Arsenal	H0-0
March 14 Doncaster Rovers	A0-3
March 21 Lincoln City	H2-3
March 28 Small Heath	A1-5
April 4 Leicester Fosse	H2-0
April 10 Preston North End	A1-3
April 11 Manchester City	A0-2
April 13 Chesterfield Town	H2-1

Again there is no trace of Blackpool taking part in the F.A. Cup.

APPEARANCES

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Wigan hope to recapture

Though they have not so far this season fulfilled the hopes of their supporters who saw them as taking up where they left off at the end of last season and getting into the promotion race from the word go, Wigan Athletic have clearly justified their election to the Football League 18 months ago.

They come to Bloomfield Road therefore hoping for a bit of F.A. Cup glory to give them the spur to get back into the Fourth Division promotion race and conscious that it was F.A. Cup exploits that helped to keep their name before people's eyes when they were making a seemingly endless series of applications for election to the Football League.

In fact, rising as they did out of the ashes of Wigan Borough, who resigned from the Football League in 1931/2 they made a total of 35 applications before finally pop-

ping Southport on a second vote after a tie on the first vote in June 1978.

By this time they had several times won the championships of the three leagues to which they had belonged, namely the Cheshire League, the Lancashire Combination, and the Northern Premier League and amongst their F.A. Cup feats they had beaten Hereford before a 27,000 crowd and taken Newcastle to a replay in 1953/4, beating Peterborough before going down 1-0 at Maine Road in 1970/1 and in what proved to be a vital 1977/8 season had beaten York and Sheffield Wednesday.

They had also attracted easily the biggest gate of the second round when beating Wednesday and their consistently good games must have had quite a pull in their election to the Football League. They have fully

justified this confidence for they are still averaging around the 6,000 mark now.

It took them a little time to settle in Division Four last season with only one point from their first five league games, but a tremendous run with only one defeat in 13 games from the end of September onwards lifted them up until mid-April. In the event they ended up in sixth place, a fine performance for a club new to league football.

Though they had put Tranmere out of the League Cup, Wigan went out after a replay with Bury in the first round of the F.A. Cup and they will be keen to improve on this performance today.

THIS SEASON

They have had rather a mixed season so far. After losing to Stockport in the first round of the League Cup they gained revenge by winning a league game at Egley

o the Latics



Wigan 1979 80

Back Row: Noel Ward, Ian Purdie, Derek Brownhill, John Brown, Bob Ward, Kevin Smart, Mike Quinn, John McDermott.

Centre Row: Duncan Colquhoun (Physiotherapist), Joe Hinigga, Jeff Wright, George Urquhart, Nigel Hart, Neil Davids, John Curtis, Frank Carrigan, Peter Houghton, Dave Fretwell, Kenny Banks (trainer).

Front Row: Tommy Gore, Alan Crompton, John Williams, Ian McNeill (Manager), Mr. A.O. Horrocks (Chairman), Micky Moore, Mark Wignall, David Glenn.

ture Cup glory

Park, but three home defeats in a row left them struggling. Since then, however, they have won four and drawn one of their last six league games up to the time of writing.

Away from home they have also won at Bournemouth and Rochdale and have drawn at Darlington. Leading scorer for the second season in succession is former South Liverpool man PETER HOUGHTON and in recent weeks he has had good support from TONY QUINN a young player in his first season.

GEORGE URQUHART, another newcomer from one of manager IAN MCNEILL's former clubs Ross County, has also been on the mark this season while from mid-field FRANK CORRIGAN, who made his league debut for Walsall a few years ago, and former Netherfield man JEFF WRIGHT also pose a threat to goal.

In fact this Wigan side fires on all cylinders for only a few weeks ago defender JOE HINNIGAN, another former South Liverpool man, netted twice against Darlington. Joe is likely to be on the opposite flank today from DAVE FRETWALL, who has nearly ten years experience with Bradford City before moving last season with NEIL DAVIDS (ex-Leeds, Norwich and Swansea) and RON METHUEN, a young Scot, in the centre.

TOMMY GORE, a one-time Tranmere Rovers man, is also something of a goalscorer, his powerful shooting being a feature of his play whether in midfield or defence while in goal JOHN BROWN, formerly with Preston and Stockport, is now in his third season and has come back strongly after being out with a shoulder injury in the early weeks of the present campaign.

Watch out for Peter

Big, strong and willing and hungry for goals - these are excellent credentials for a striker and they well describe Peter Houghton, a native of Liverpool, who in his early days used to do a night shift at Ford's Hallwood plant and then turned out for South Liverpool on the following day.

He scored goals too and it was this fact that persuaded Wigan to sign him in 1977/8. This meant a mid-season change from a club at the bottom of the Northern Premier League to one fighting it out with Boston United at the top, but Peter took it in his stride and soon chalked up 10 goals in 17 games to add to the ten he had already got with South Liverpool.

Fourteen league and cup goals was a fair 'bag' for his first full season in league football and he could well exceed that tally this season. Amongst his goals to date are two each against Hartlepool and Lincoln and match winners at Stockport and Rochdale. Ideally built for the job, Peter is a strong finisher with both head and feet and he is the sort of player constantly in the thick of it when there is goalmouth action.

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Supporters' Club News

Time for Cup run

Cup fever hits Bloomfield Road as Blackpool play hosts to Wigan Athletic in the First Round of the F.A. Cup. Wigan are the newcomers to the Football League having replaced Southport eighteen months ago.

In their first season they did exceptionally well to finish sixth in the Fourth Division but this season they are placed in mid-table due to a poor home record. Three of the Wigan players namely Bob Ward, John Curtis and Frank Corrigan were all on Blackpool's books at some stage of their careers.

Blackpool must be due for a decent Cup run as it is 21 years since they won two successive F.A. Cup ties when in 1959 they were beaten in the quarter finals by Luton. The complete record over the last 20 years is as follows: Home P14 W6 D3 L5 F17 A15. Away P19 W0 D4 L15 F20 A48.

As can be seen it's a long time since Blackpool supporters celebrated any Cup glory so let's hope for some joy this season and a win against Wigan would be a good start.

RESERVES AND 'A' TEAM

The Reserves have won two and lost two in their last four games. They lost 4-1 at Wolves when Dave Hockaday scored and lost 2-0 at Liverpool. In between these defeats they recorded a good 3-1 win away to Nottingham Forest, when Sean Jones (2) scored the goals, and beat Burnley 1-0 at home.

University recruit Wayne Harrison scored the vital goal. It's good to see that at long last Keith Bowsley gained some consistently good reserve team performances by being selected for the first team and proved his worth by scoring that memorable goal against Sheffield Wednesday.

The 'A' team lost 3-2 at home to Blackburn in the last of their Supplementary Cup matches and are now out of that competition. Then they lost 3-0 away to Bury in a Lancashire League Division Two match.

The Youth team progressed to the Second Round of the F.A. Youth Cup with an exciting 3-2 win against Huddersfield. Gary Seward claimed a hat-trick and Blackpool were rewarded with a home tie against Rochdale who they beat at the same stage in last year's competition. In the second round of the Lancashire F.A. Youth Cup Blackpool have to play away to Tranmere.

NORTH EAST SUPPORTER

I've recently received a letter from Gary Howarth who is keen to make contact with any Blackpool supporters living in the Newcastle area. If you can help then please write direct to Gary at Claude Gibb Hall, Poly Precinct, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8SU.

STEWARDS

As most regular Supporters Club members will know our steward Bill Turner has now retired. Bill's replacement is Terry Allcock who Blackpool supporters will already know from his playing days at Bloomfield Road. All the best to Terry in his new venture.

AWAY TRAVEL

If the Cup tie against Wigan ends in a draw then the Supporters Club will of course be running coaches to the replay at Springfield Park next week. The Supporters Club will also be running a coach to Blackpool's next away League match at Mansfield next Saturday, 1st December. Please contact Alan Shepard or Ozzie MacDonald in the Supporters Club for further details.

IAN CARDEN.

Match Action



Derek Spence hits the cross bar with this 45 yard shot during their game against Sheffield Wednesday which ended in a 1-1 draw.



Kieth Bowey heads the Seaisiders in front after 25 minutes with his first goal for the club.

QUICK QUIZ No 6

These funny phrases are really anagrams of F.L. Clubs. Solve them and note how they fall into two groups!

1. Cast Say wine
2. Ladder nuns
3. Kit soc yet
4. Thou postman
5. Tinn nods wow
6. Wher max
7. Now dim bel
8. Weight can tail
9. L. las law
10. Dow raft

Answers No 5

1. Sudlers - (Walsall).
2. Cobblers - (Northampton).
3. Quakers - (Darlington).
4. Tigers - Hull.
5. Shakers - (Bury).
6. Canaries - (Norwich).
7. Mariners - (Grimsby).
8. Imps - (Lincoln).
9. Stags - (Mansfield).
10. Robins - (Bristol City).
11. Iron - (Scunthorpe).

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Despite the change in leadership though, the team responded in magnificent style, and not only did the team achieve the league and cup 'double' again in the following season's Under 13 section, they performed the same feat in the Under 14, 15 and 16 sections as well.

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soccer.... Look in on

The second round matches in the Gledhill Knock-Out Trophy, in the Blackpool and Fylde Sunday Football Alliance created only minor shocks. All 12 of the Premier division sides are still in the competition. Sands were nearest to a shock, when they needed an only goal in the last five minutes to clinch victory against BJFF Reserves. Kieron Watson scored the goal. Lytham Leisure from the 7th Division forced No.3 Hotel to extra time, but the No.3 ran out 3-1 winners. There was only one drawn match in the cup, a 2-2 thriller between Buzcarner and Dunes Hotel. Seven cupties were lost to the weather conditions, and no doubt most of them will have been re-arranged for tomorrow morning. There were one or two surprises in the league matches. In the 3rd division St. Annas Hotel, without a win this season, upset second placed MDP with a 3-2 win. The O'Connors brothers, Chris and Tom scored two of the goals. In the 4th Division there was a similar situation with Frickleton knocking front runners Whittle for six, with a 6-1 home win. In the 7th Division unbeaten St

Sands cut it fine in cup tie

Wulstan's fell to a 6-1 defeat by second-placed Mardi Grass. In the 8th Division Marton Institute moved nearer to leaders Woodmans Garage with a single goal win against Blackpool Followers. After two really bad weekends, with some very unkind weather, footballers and officials in the Blackpool and Fylde Sunday Football Alliance are set for a wet and damp winter. Already more than a dozen games have been lost to the wet conditions, and flooded grounds. Most secretaries are now carrying their forks and buckets to matches, to try and keep the pitches in fit condition to play. The Alliance's Christmas

Draw, will be held at the League Headquarters, the British Railways Club, Hampton Road, Blackpool, on Thursday, 6 December. The Alliance's dinner and dance will be held at the St Ives Hotel, St. Annas, in January. Tickets are now available from Mr Nigel Hough at Blackpool 47357. Birthday greetings today to Dave Taylor, Chairman of the Blackpool and Fylde Sunday Football Alliance. He's 90 years old today, and in his first season as the Alliance chairman, but backed up by 27 years service to local football through refereeing and Sunday football administration. There is still a long way to go!

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